

Do immigrants qualify for Medicaid in Missouri?

Many lawfully present immigrants are eligible for Medicaid. This includes Lawful Permanent Residents (also known as green card holders), refugees, and asylees.

Here are the **top five things** to know about Medicaid if you are an immigrant living in Missouri:

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Lawful Permanent Residents are eligible to apply for Medicaid starting five years after their date of entry. Other immigration statuses are also eligible.

For a full list of eligible immigration statuses, visit: https://bit.ly/2YvO7df.

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Refugees and asylees who qualify for Medicaid can apply immediately after coming to live in Missouri—they do not need to wait five years. Newly arriving refugees who do not qualify for Medicaid are eligible for short-term health insurance called Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA). RMA lasts for up to eight months after arrival.

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The 2019 public charge rule is no longer in effect. This means you can apply for and get Medicaid without worrying about its effect on your immigration status.



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You may need to submit one or more immigration documents to apply for Medicaid. The documents you need depend on your immigration status. Examples of documents include:

- Permanent Resident Card or "green card"
- Re-entry Permit
- Refugee Travel Document
- Employment Authorization Document
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV)



On your application, you only need to include documents and personal information for the people in your household who are applying for Medicaid. You will not be asked for documents for family members who are not applying for Medicaid.



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If you do not qualify for Medicaid, you may be able to get private health insurance through the website **HealthCare.gov**. As a lawfully present immigrant, you may qualify for savings and lower costs on health insurance.

How can I apply for Medicaid in Missouri?

To apply, visit <u>mydss.mo.gov</u> or call the FSD Call Center at **855-373-4636** or **855-373-9994**. To get free help to apply, visit <u>CoverMissouri.org/help</u> or call **1-800-466-3213**.